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SUBJECT: Shipment of household effects and automobile, [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: See attached excerpts from regulations and synopsis of C.G.'s decisions.

1. The following is an interpretation of Special Funds Regulations, Para. 10.9-Special Authority for Shipment of Household Goods and Automobiles and Foreign Service Travel Regulations, Sections 103.617 and 103.619, relative to shipment of household effects and personally owned automobile where one or more of the following conditions exist:

- a. No shipment of household effects or automobile made and/or authorized [REDACTED], unable to use effects due to housing conditions, i.e. Govt. quarters furnished or local housing conditions or shipment not authorized in the interest of the Government such as possible closing of office, length of tour of duty at particular post, etc.
- b. Completed two years of duty at post and returned to U.S. for temporary duty and home leave prior to reporting to new post.
- c. Signed new two year contract for duty at same or different post upon completion of home leave and/or temporary duty.
- d. For convenience of the Government did not return to U.S. for home leave upon completion of two years duty but did sign new contract for another two years duty at same or different post with home leave to be authorized at later date.

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3. Where one or more of the conditions set forth in paragraph 1, apply to [REDACTED] employees, Section 5 of Executive Order No. 9805 and Special Funds Regulations 10.9 would apply and extend the same privileges to them as may be granted [REDACTED]

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4. The conditions set forth in Para. 1, d are not specifically covered by the regulations; however, it would appear that the same regulations could be applied providing the individual remained overseas for the convenience of the Government, waiving his right to home leave until a time which would be convenient for the Government and signed a new two year contract for duty at the same or a different post of duty.

4. The authorization for shipment under the above would include points between which transportation was authorized at Government expense with a reference to the authority under which transportation was being authorized. The employee may however ship effects from a place other than that authorized, any excess cost to be charged to officer or employee. Packing of effects and cartage from residence or place of storage to shipping terminal would be at Government expense regardless of shipping point.

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Following is Section 5. of Executive Order No.9805.

"Time Limit.

All travel and transportation allowable under these regulations shall begin within two years from the effective date of the transfer of the employee, except that for employees who enter upon active military, naval, or Coast Guard duty at any time prior to the expiration of such period and are furloughed for the duration of such duty, the two-year period shall be exclusive of the time spent on such furlough; and for employees transferred to posts of duty outside the continental United States the two-year period shall be exclusive of any time during which shipping restrictions make the travel and transportation impossible. Administrative officers shall endeavor to complete travel and transportation at the earliest practicable dates."

C.G. No.B-73197 - Transportation of Dependents and Household Effects--Successive Change of Station.

Where the shipment of an employee's household effects from one official station to another was authorized on an actual expense basis under Executive Order No.8588, as amended, but shipment actually was made to a third official station under a change of station authorization issued in accordance with the terms of Executive Order No.9805 which changed the method of reimbursement for the shipment of household effects to a commuted basis, the amount of reimbursement allowable is to be measured by the provisions of the latter Executive order, even though the first change of station preceded the effective date thereof.

An employee who was ordered from one official station to another and who, before shipment of his household effects to such new station, was transferred to a third station is entitled, under Executive Order No.9805, to reimbursement on a commuted basis for shipment from a previous place of residence to the third station, even though it be in excess of the commuted cost from the second to the third station.

C.G. No. B-70546 - Transportation- Household Effects-- Shipment from First to Ultimate Station in Successive Changes of Station.

An employee who was ordered from one official station to another and who, before shipment of his household effects to such new station, was transferred to a third station to which shipment was made within the two-year allowable period is entitled, under Executive Order No.9805, issued pursuant to the administrative expense statute of August 2, 1946, to reimbursement on a commuted basis for shipment from the first to the third station, only, based upon the short-line distance between such points, irrespective of the actual cost of such single shipment.

SPECIAL FUNDS REGULATIONS:

10.9- Special Authority for Shipment of Household Goods and Automobiles.

The Assistant Director for Special Operations is authorized, where such authority was not previously granted, to approve the shipment of household goods and effects, and automobiles, where otherwise in accordance with established regulations for those employees who return to the United States for temporary duty and enter into a new twenty-four months overseas agreement, and then return to their foreign post. In those cases where such authority was previously granted and only partial quantities were shipped, the Assistant Director for Special Operations may authorize additional shipments, limited to the difference between that which is authorized under the Regulations and that which has already been shipped.

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Foreign Service Travel Regulations:

103.617 - Time Limitations

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(a) In connection with appointment by the President or the Department, transfer or leave at Government expense, the travel of the family and/or transportation of the effects may commence on or after the date of the authorization, but not more than one year after the date on which the officer or employee completes his travel pursuant to the authorization.

103.619 - Exception to Time Limitations.

The authorizing or approving officer may, when in his judgment the circumstances so warrant, authorize or approve the expenses referred to in section 103.617 notwithstanding the expiration of the time limitation.

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